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To: All CCORP Hospitals

**Subject: Major California Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Outcomes Reporting Program (CCORP) changes made by the Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP)**

This bulletin is to inform you of recommended CCORP program changes resulting from the CAP Meeting held on March 6, 2007. Please note that these items **do not** require regulatory changes.

1. The CAP approved a motion to exclude salvage cases (**Status of Procedure=Salvage**) from publicly reported mortality results for surgeons. Hospitals must continue reporting salvage cases in their data. This decision is effective beginning with 2007 discharges. Further clarification is needed from the CAP regarding the reporting of salvage cases in the 2005 and 2006 reports. Due to this change, CCORP may request supporting documentation in order to verify the correct coding of "salvage" cases. Please pass along this important decision to your surgeons. This decision should ensure that hospitals and surgeons have no disincentive in providing care for patients, regardless of their acuity.
2. Current law mandates reporting of risk-adjusted outcomes for **ALL** CABG surgeries. The CAP approved a motion to produce a risk model and report outcomes for **Non-Isolated** CABG surgeries. It is not yet clear whether provider results would be reported separately or combined with isolated CABG surgeries. Collection of additional data elements to provide adequate risk-adjustment is likely needed. Results will be included in the public reports once a valid risk model has been approved by the CAP.
3. The CAP recommended that CCORP collect data on at least three additional process measures. CCORP currently collects and reports on Internal Mammary Artery (IMA) usage. Additional process measures may be added to the required data elements in the future.

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